

MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Wisniewski, Representatives Vander Woude, Horman, Scott, Amador, Armstrong, Furniss, Hartgen, Lickley, Young, Adams, Yamamoto, Chew (Hoy), Necochea, Nash

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Vander Woude, and Horman

GUESTS: Jess Byrne, Mary Anne Nelson, and Jerri Henry, Idaho DEQ; Marie Kellner and Jonathan Openheimer, Idaho Conservation League

Chairman Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Chairman Ehardt turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Wisniewski**.

DOCKET NO 58-0104-1901, 58-0122-1901: **Jerry Henry**, Drinking Water Protection and Finance Division Administrator presented **Docket No. 58-0104-1901** and **Docket No. 58-0122-1901**. These rules were negotiated in response to **Executive Order No. 2019-02**, Red Tape Reduction Act issued January 21, 2019. **Docket No. 58-0104-1901** was a chapter repeal. **Docket No. 58-0122-1901** was consolidated with IDAPA 58.01.04 and renamed "Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities."

DOCKET NO 58-0102-2001: **Mary Anne Nelson**, Surface and Wastewater Division Administrator, presented **Docket No. 58-0102-2001**. Revisions were negotiated to revise water quality criteria based on stakeholder comments from 2018 rule making and the 2019 Legislative Session regarding implementation of the bacteria criteria, and deleted obsolete rule language.

In answer to committee questions, **Ms. Nelson** explained the entity responsible for each public swimming beach takes samples and provides results to the Health District. There are times that DEQ also collects water samples. She also clarified the shareholders requesting the changes were the Association of Idaho Cities and the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators.

Marie Kellner, with Idaho Conservation League, testified in respect to all three of the dockets presented. Overall she was **in support** of the dockets, even though there were parts of the clean water rules that ICL did not agree with. Ms. Kellner wanted to stress the importance of these rules to pass in order for Idaho to continue to qualify for resources that come from the Federal Government and other entities.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 58-0104-1901**, **Docket No. 58-0122-1901**, and **Docket No. 58-0102-2001**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Wisniewski returned the gavel to **Chairman Ehardt**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Representative Wisniewski
Chair

Maggie Price
Secretary